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SUBJ: US MILITARY ASSISTANCE: TEN PERCENT DEPOSIT

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1. IN PREPARING PRESENTATION IN ACCORDANCE REFTELS, EMB ANTICIPATES GOS QUERIES CONCERNING (A) CONGRESSIONAL RATIONALE FOR 10 PERCENT DEPOSIT REQUIREMENT AND (B) PROBABILITY USG DRAWDOWN WHICH DEPENDENT ON USG NEED AND APPROPRIATION. GOS MAY NOTE THAT IN REGARD ART. II, PARA C - 1 GOS- USG PL-480 AGREEMENT FOR FY 73, US REPS STATED (OFFICIAL AGREED MINUTE) THAT PRESENTLY AVAILABLE (LOCAL CURRENCY) RESOURCES WERE SUFFICIENT TO MEET EMBASSY OPERATING EXPENSES AND USG, THEREFORE, DID NOT ANTICIPATE USE. IS OUR POSITION ON THIS DEPOSIT SIMILAR?

2. DURING CALL ON FONMINISTER KHALID APR. 21, CHARGE NOTED HE ANTICIPATED DISCUSSIONS IN NEAR FUTURE ON SOME ASPECTS MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND INQUIRED ABOUT FORMAL CHANNEL PREFERRED. FONMIN DESIGNATED UNDER SEC FADL OBEID. APPOINTMENTS WITH OBEID TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR SAT., MAY 28 AND WITH BRIG. GEN. HAMID KHALIL (TRAINING) FOR TUES., MAY 2.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WHILE NOT ESSENTIAL, DEPT COMMENTS ON QUESTIONS POSED PARA 1 WOULD BE APPRECIATED PRIOR MEETINGS.

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